

Proceeding 02-278

The Consumer Bankers Association (CBA) is currently challenging Indiana's Telephone Privacy Law. I am filing a comment with the FCC to express that any weakening of the Indiana Telephone Privacy Law is against the wishes of all Indiana residents that have signed up for the no call list.

Signing up for the no call list is completely voluntary. I was informed and understood that by signing up for this list, I would not receive calls from companies soliciting services. If I wished to receive those calls, I would not have signed up.

If the members of the Consumer Bankers Association want to use my phone to solicit their businesses, then I feel they should pay me a fee for the use of my phone. I pay a monthly bill to ensure that I have a phone in my home to receive calls from friends and family. I do not pay for a phone so that I may be interrupted by a business selling their services or products. The Business gains by not paying for the call or my time.

Over the past two years, I have once again felt that the phone in my home was my phone. I got to use it for what I wanted. I am no longer dreaded picking up the receiver. I am no longer upset during and after a call because I had to deal with someone trying to sell me some service or product I did not want. The Indiana Telephone Privacy Law has had a significant and most importantly a positive impact on my home life. Please do not all the Consumer Bankers Association to weakening the law in any way.

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